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# 1 FAM 470

## BUREAU OF CONFLICT AND STABILIZATION OPERATIONS (CSO)

### Changes

1. This Change Transmittal issues subchapter 1 FAM 470 for the new Bureau of Conflict and Stabilization Operations (CSO). The bureau will focus on conflict prevention, crisis response, and stabilization activities. The new bureau subsumes the Office of the Coordinator for Reconstruction and Stabilization and builds upon the expertise of the Civilian Response Corps. CSO will seek to:
  - **Get ahead of change.** Future crises in magnitude, type, and complexity cannot be predicted but CSO will support the Department's ability to anticipate the major security challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century by providing timely, operational solutions;
  - **Drive an integrated response.** The bureau will build integrated approaches to conflict prevention and stabilization by linking analysis, planning resources, operational solutions, and active learning and training. Its Civilian Response Corps will be deployed quickly to areas of instability to bring the right mix of expertise to each unique situation; and
  - **Leverage partnerships.** CSO will work with a range of nongovernmental and international partners to prevent conflict, address sources of violence, build on existing resiliencies, and promote burden-sharing. In particular, the bureau will encourage greater involvement of local society—including women, youth, and the media—to prevent and respond to conflict.
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